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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir.

This is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 4, 2003, for which a response is due with a one-month extension of time. Applicants submit that the attached amendments and remarks fully address the issues raised in the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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MESSAGE:

Dear Examiner King,

Here are copies of the allowed claims (clean) and our reply of July 23, 2003. If you require anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Weaver Registration No. 31,314

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